

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today \$421,466 in federal funding through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training Preparedness Directorate for three local fire departments. The funds will be used to enhance their preparedness as first responders.

“These grants allow local first-responders to improve their already heroic efforts to keep our communities safe,” said Arcuri. “We all know how important it is to make sure our first responders have the equipment and training they need to keep our families safe and secure. I recently voted to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 commission because I know how crucial it is to fully fund first-responders and ensure that New York gets the federal funds it needs and deserves.”

The grants awarded included:

- The Port Crane Fire Company was awarded \$86,310 for operations and safety
- The Port Byron Fire Department was awarded \$280,250 for vehicle acquisition
- Junius Volunteer Fire Department received \$54,906 for operations and safety

Since 2001 \$2.4 billion in grants have been awarded to first responders to purchase responsive equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles.

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